



# NEWS ADVISORY

## County of Los Angeles

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### **JULY 30 AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS—BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 9:30 A.M.**

#### **Presentations:**

Morris Kight, a longtime advocate of gay rights, is honored for 22 years of service as a member of the County's Human Relations Commission.

#### **Agenda Items:**

Supervisors to hear report from Sheriff's Department on the Vital Intervention and Directional Alternatives program, which notifies domestic violence victims when perpetrators are set for release from custody. (S-1)

Supervisors consider \$6.9 million float loan to Saint-Gobin Containers, Inc. to maintain 198 full-time equivalent jobs at the facility located at 4000 Arden Drive in El Monte. (Item 2-D and 28)

Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke recommends county-owned office building be transferred to Culver City for social, school and non-profit related uses. (Item 2, continued from 7-23)

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky proposes calling a special election for a special tax to fund the Countywide system of trauma centers, emergency medical services and bioterrorism response. (Item 5)

Supervisor Don Knabe requests Department of Health Services report on its efforts to privatize security services at County hospitals and clinics. (Item 10, continued from 6-25 and 7-2)

Supervisors may ask the County Health Services Department to report on the status of the disease investigation of E-coli contaminated ground beef in the County. (Item 11)

Investigation requested into the County's efforts to have all buildings over 7,500 sq.ft. designed to make them as energy efficient as possible. (Item 14)

Board members consider requesting County Counsel work with the Sheriff's Department and Henry Mayo Hospital to resolve claims for services and to finalize an agreement for inmate medical services at the hospital. (Item 15)

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich proposes development of a map to post on the County's website to show where sex offenders are living within County boundaries and whether they are classified as "high risk" or "serious." (Item 16)

Board members consider extending the pilot project for self-help legal centers to October 2004 and to expand the project to courthouses in Pomona and Inglewood. (Item 18 and 74)  
County asked to convey property to Rosemead to allow expansion of City Hall and require the city to complete capital improvements to Garvey Avenue Bridge. (Item 21)

County Arts Commission seeks approval of grant awards to 121 non-profit arts organizations. (Item 24)

District Attorney Steve Cooley requests authorization to accept \$173,241 in state funding for the Drug Endangered Children Response Team, which works with local agencies to relocate children who are found at clandestine drug labs when they are raided by law enforcement. (Item 30)

Department of Health Services seeks approval of rate increase for its polio program to fund medical services to post-polio patients. (Item 36)

Supervisors consider Health Department's request to terminate services with University Affiliates, IPA due to company's financial problems. (Item 37)

Department of Public Social Services asks supervisors to approve a \$6.9 million increase in the LEADER contract to fund the modification, testing and pilot implementation of a computerized system that is designed to curtail welfare fraud. (Item 41)

Department of Public Works seeks authorization to refund garbage collection and disposal service fees in amounts of \$1.2 million and \$336,000, respectively, for the Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita and Malibu districts. (Item 43)

Supervisors consider a revised \$1.7 million budget for a replacement courtroom and jury assembly annex at the Huntington Park Courthouse. (Item 44)

Department of Public Works seeks to terminate \$1.4 million contract with Vahdani Construction Co. for seismic retrofitting of two bridges on Big Tujunga Canyon Road near the Angeles National Forest. (Item 51)

Sheriff Lee Baca asks authorization to submit a \$1 million grant application with the federal government, with no local match required, to study existing voice communications systems used by public safety agencies serving the County. (Item 57)

Supervisors consider approving \$2.5 million in contracts with various vendors to provide psychology and psychiatric services to Sheriff's Department employees with work-related and domestic issues. (Item 59)

In an attempt to aggressively combat identity theft in the County, supervisors asked to authorize acceptance of a \$570,000 state grant for use by the Sheriff's Department. (Item 60)

**Settlements:**

County Claims Board recommends \$204,164 settlement with Coast Plaza Doctors Hospital for unpaid medical bills of arrestees. (Item 63)

Approval sought for \$1.6 million settlement with Paul and Miriam Goldstein involving automobile accident with a reserve sheriff's deputy. (Item 64)

Death of child due to alleged negligent supervision by social workers leads to recommendation of \$1 million settlement with mother and brother. (Item 66)

**Reports:**

Coroner's unmet budget needs. (Item 73, continued from 7-23)

Available funding to add self-help legal access center programs in County. (Item 74, continued from 6-26 and 7-23)

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